

**655—19.7 (272C) Confidentiality.** Information in the possession of the board or the committee shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements of Iowa Code section 272C.6. Information about participants in the program shall not be disclosed except as provided in this rule.

**19.7(1)** The INAPC is authorized, pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), to communicate information about a current or former INAP participant to the applicable regulatory authorities or impaired licensee programs in the state of Iowa and in any jurisdiction of the United States or foreign nations in which the participant is currently licensed or in which the participant seeks licensure. INAP participants must report their participation to the applicable nurse assistance program or licensing authority in any state in which the participant is currently licensed or in which the participant seeks licensure.

**19.7(2)** The INAPC is authorized to communicate information about an INAP participant to any person assisting in the participant's treatment, recovery, rehabilitation, monitoring, or maintenance for the duration of the contract.

**19.7(3)** The INAPC is authorized to communicate information about an INAP participant to the board in the event a participant does not comply with the terms of the contract as set forth in rule 655—19.5(272C). The INAPC may provide the board with a participant's INAP file in the event the participant does not comply with the terms of the contract and the INAPC refers the case to the board for the filing of formal disciplinary charges or other appropriate action. If the board initiates disciplinary action against a licensee for noncompliance with the terms of the contract, the board may include information about a licensee's participation in the INAP in the public disciplinary documents. The INAPC is also authorized to communicate information about a participant to the board in the event the participant is under investigation by the board.

**19.7(4)** The INAPC is authorized to communicate information about a current or former INAP participant to the board if reliable information held by the INAPC reasonably indicates a significant risk to the public exists. If the board initiates disciplinary action based upon this information, the board may include in the public disciplinary documents information about a licensee's participation if necessary to address impairment issues related to the violations which are the subject of the disciplinary action.